(c) what is the number of unemployed educated; and

(d) whether the unemployment among educated persons is increasing or decreasing?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir. As per information received from the office of the Kerala Public Service Commission, only 1,95,660 applications have been received for 16 vacancies of Lower Division Clerk etc. in Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board.

(b) Number of persons, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered in employment exchanges in Kerala as on 31.12.94 was about 42 lakhs. The percentage of workers in the organised sector as compared to the total workers in Kerala was around 12% in the year 1991.

(c) Number of educated (Matric & above) job-seekers in Kerala was around 28 lakhs as on 31.12.1994.

(d) The number of educated (matric & above) job-seekers on the live register is increasing.

Survey on Employment propects of Beedi workers

964. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in the process of conducting an economic survey on the likely impact on employment prospects of beedi workers due to fresh restrictions proposed: and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the survey is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

Payment of bonus and wages to the employees of Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam

965. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been inordinate delay in making the payment of bonus and wages to the employees of N.P.C.C. Ltd. presently known as Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Ltd. and they have not been paid for the last about eight months; and

(b) if so, the details and steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Payment of salaries/wages could not be made to the employees in 27 units of the Rashtriya Pariyojna Nirman Nigam Limited (RPNN), formerly known as National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd. for periods varying from six to eight months, due to financial crisis. The Ministry of Water Resources has released Rs. 6.89 crores in March, 1995 as loan to RPNN to meet its short term working capital requirements. Arrangements have been made by the Nigam to make payment of salaries/wages.

The company does not fulfil the conditions stipulated in Section 20